

PECFA UPDATE #25

August 2006

SITES NEEDING ONLINE WEB REPORTS BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2006

As part of the newly implemented chapter Comm 47, occurrences that had a cap established through the public bidding process prior to May 1, 2006 (before Bid Round 43) were required to submit an initial progress report before August 1, 2006. Due to a delay in implementing an online reporting application, the Wisconsin Department of Commerce (Commerce) has extended this submittal deadline from August 1, 2006, to September 1, 2006. This extension was previously announced in PECFA Update #23.

To date, the online reporting application has been completed for approximately 250 occurrences. PECFA believes there are approximately 450 occurrences for which the online reporting must still be completed before September 1, 2006. A list of these occurrences has been compiled and made available on the Commerce Web site. The list will be updated frequently and is accessible at <http://commerce.wi.gov/ERpdf/pecfa/ER-PECFA-BidSitesNotReported.pdf>.

Consultants should be aware that section Comm 47.30 (2) (v) prohibits PECFA from reimbursing for any work that is conducted between the due date of a required submittal and the date a past-due submittal is received by Commerce. In addition, section Comm 47.30 (2) (i) prohibits PECFA from reimbursing for any interest associated with these ineligible costs.

SITES ADDRESSED IN PUBLIC BID DEFERMENT LETTERS DATED JUNE 12, 2006

Consultants who received public bid deferment letters have questioned whether the Usual and Customary Cost Schedule in section Comm 47.325 (2) applies to work performed on these sites between May 1, 2006, and the June 12th date of the letter. The answer to this question is yes, unless that work is addressed in the exceptions in Comm 47.325 (1), or in the higher costs allowed under Comm 47.325 (3).

The primary intent of the June 12th letter was to notify consultants that any work performed after that date would not be subject to the public bid process unless a subsequent notice directs the site to public bidding. The June 12th letter does not retroactively exempt prior work from the Usual and Customary Cost Schedule.

ONLINE REPORTING APPLICATION “TIME OUT” REMINDER

Users of the PECFA Site Reporting application should be aware that the online application has a “time out” feature. The “timer” begins when the user enters the application and ends after three hours, regardless of activity. If the reporting application “times out”, the user will receive an error message when submitting the report and all data will be lost.

Users can avoid losing data by using the “save and exit” function periodically when they anticipate leaving the reporting application open for an extended period of time. The “save and exit” button will not submit the report, but will save any data entered and allow for the completion of the report at a later time. Re-entering the application will then reset the timer. Questions regarding error messages should be directed to Beth Erdman at (920) 303-5410, Greg Michael at (414) 220-5375 or Jon Heberer at (608) 261-5405.